
Charity and community

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Company-nominated charities

UK company-nominated charity:

Young Lives vs Cancer

The UK company-nominated charity is Young Lives vs Cancer (previously CLIC Sargent). It supports children and young people with cancer... and their families. Since the partnership began in 2002, Wetherspoon has raised over £25 million for the charity. This achievement is thanks to the generosity and commitment of customers and employees.

Those funds raised more recently are detailed below, by year.

	Amount donated (£)
August 2011–July 2012	1,408,921
August 2012–July 2013	1,606,163
August 2013–July 2014	1,653,941
August 2014–July 2015	1,714,125
August 2015–July 2016	1,622,461
August 2016–July 2017	1,749,691
August 2017–July 2018	1,674,090
August 2018–July 2019	1,541,618
August 2019–July 2020	1,114,668
August 2020–July 2021	214,888
August 2021–July 2022	1,638,288
August 2022–July 2023	1,531,407
August 2023–July 2024	1,481,433
August 2024–July 2025	1,532,145

Ireland company-nominated charity:

LauraLynn

In 2015, Wetherspoon nominated LauraLynn as its supported charity in Ireland. The charity provides palliative and supportive care services to meet the needs of children with life-limiting conditions... and their families.

Thanks to the efforts of customers and employees, as at July 2025, just under €352,000 has been raised, detailed below, by year.

	Amount donated (€)
August 2015–July 2016	9,669
August 2016–July 2017	18,842
August 2017–July 2018	22,089
August 2018–July 2019	33,826
August 2019–July 2020	85,885
August 2020–July 2021	98,990
August 2021–July 2022	18,119
August 2022–July 2023	28,944
August 2023–July 2024	18,783
August 2024–July 2025	17,676

The Royal British Legion poppy appeal

Wetherspoon's pubs and hotels continue to support this appeal. The amount raised in 2024/25 was £55,527.

Local charities

Wetherspoon's pubs and hotels in the UK and Ireland also fundraise for and support a range of local and other charities and organisations, including the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Trussell Trust.

Company fundraising events

Pubs host several local and national charity fundraising events each year, the largest of which are the national five-a-side football tournament ('Kick') and the national darts tournament.

Industry trade bodies and associations

Wetherspoon is a member of the following trade bodies, associations and charities:

UKHospitality – campaigning on behalf of its retailer members, encouraging the government to recognise and act on the economic, social and charitable values which pubs bring to communities up and down the land.

British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) – members are responsible for 90% of the beer brewed in Britain today and represent around 20,000 of Britain's pubs. They include international companies, family brewers, managed locals and the nation's largest tenanted pub estates. The association's aim is to support, represent and campaign for the well-being of the beer and pub sector.

Drinkaware – an independent charity working to reduce harm from alcohol misuse in the UK.

National Pubwatch – a voluntary organisation set up to promote best practice through supporting local pubwatch schemes' work. Its aim is to achieve a safer drinking environment in all licensed premises throughout the UK.

Zero Carbon Forum (ZCF) – a non-profit organisation, empowering members of the hospitality industry to reach sustainability targets with more speed, efficiency and profit – as a united effort.

The Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) – a not-for-profit organisation supporting companies in working towards sustainability, guiding customers to make more sustainable choices.

Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex) – the world's largest collaborative platform for sharing responsible sourcing data on supply chains (including labour rights, health and safety, the environment and business ethics), used by over 50,000 members in more than 150 countries.

Licensed Trade Charity – an independent charity with a mission to equip licensed trade workers to be self-reliant and to provide the right guidance to people facing a crisis, by offering practical, emotional and, if necessary, financial support. The charity receives financial support from Wetherspoon.

Community engagement

Pubs as part of the local community

Pubs are a focal point of the community. Wetherspoon tries to contribute in several ways.

Pubs offer patrons affordable food and drinks, in comfortable surroundings and being a local community meeting place.

The company has several practices and procedures enabling pubs to operate without causing a disturbance to those living and/or working around them, so that they become, and remain, a 'good neighbour' in the local community.

The company supports a range of UK companies, small and large, including microbreweries, food suppliers and crockery-/carpet-makers.

Research (published in June 2018) by the data and research consultancy CGA has shown that a Wetherspoon pub more often has a positive effect on the local area and can stimulate general local interest in eating out.

Pubs' design and facilities, including local art and history

Over the years, the company has invested in communities through the restoration of local and historic buildings, by providing community facilities, high-street reinvigoration and local history promotion.

Many of the company's pubs are restored from interesting and, in several cases, unique buildings which are steeped in history, including from the world of entertainment, banking and railways. The interiors are individually designed and contain a wealth of local artwork, including paintings, sculptures and local history information reflecting the history of the building and its surrounding area.

The company works with, and is very grateful to, many local history societies. These support the company as part of the original pub design process – and continuing into the future.

Copies of many of the history panels, photographs and other information are available on the company's website (search for 'pub histories').

The company has won many awards for pubs' design and community facilities.

See: **Design awards**

Wetherspoon's carpets

Each Wetherspoon pub's carpet is a unique bespoke design, inspired by the history of the building, its location or the pub's name.

In 2016, Kit Caless published Spoon's Carpets: An Appreciation, celebrating the wide range of designs and colours of this 'public art'.

Loo of the Year 2024

The Loo of the Year awards are aimed at highlighting and improving standards of away-from-home washrooms across the UK. Toilets are judged against numerous criteria, including décor and maintenance, cleanliness, accessibility, hand-washing and -drying equipment and overall management.

In the 2024 awards, Wetherspoon was awarded:

- Overall corporate provider
- Champions league 'standards of excellence'

In addition, 786 pubs received individual awards, comprising:

- four diamond awards
- 237 platinum plus awards
- 530 platinum awards
- 14 gold awards
- one silver award

National category awards were:

- Accessible toilets: The Poulton Elk (Poulton-le-Flyde)
- Hotels: George Hotel (Bewdley), The George Hotel (Brecon), Jolly's Hotel (Broughty Ferry), Keavan's Port Hotel (Dublin)
- Pubs and wine bars: The Bobbing John (Alloa), Yr Hen Dderwen (Carmarthen), The Silver Penny (Dublin), The Stargazer (Greenwich)
- Historic buildings: The Foley Arms Hotel (Great Malvern), The Palladium (Llandudno), The Old Borough (Swords)

Public-access defibrillators

These have been installed in 22 pubs and at the Wethercentre (the head office in Watford) for use by the wider community. Most of them are sited on an external wall, although some are currently inside the building.

Public-access defibrillators are available at The Furze Wren (Bexleyheath), The Three Hulats (Chapel Allerton), The Moon under Water (Cheltenham), The Counting House (Congleton), The Guildhall & Linen Exchange (Dunfermline), The Sweyn Forkbeard (Gainsborough), The Regal (Gloucester), The Rodboro Buildings (Guildford), The Gordon Highlander (Inverurie), The Gold Cape (Mold), The Union Rooms (Plymouth), The Watch Maker (Prescot), The Unicorn Hotel (Ripon), The Regal Moon (Rochdale), The Salt Cot (Saltcoates), The Bankers Draft (Sheffield), The Sir Henry Segrave (Southport), The Society Rooms (Stalybridge), The Royal Hop Pole (Tewkesbury), The William Webb Ellis (Twickenham), The Brocket Arms (Wigan) and The Tim Bobbin (Urmston).

Following feedback from employees and customers, the company has committed, with the support of the British Heart Foundation, to install a further 160 public-access defibrillators over the next two years.

Supporting customers with disabilities

The company has worked with the charity **Changing Places** which supports those with physical disabilities (such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis) who may need extra facilities or space to allow them to use a toilet safely and comfortably. Changing Places toilets are different from standard accessible toilets (or disabled toilets) and larger – to meet the needs of those using them.

Changing Places facilities are available at The Pilgrim's Progress (Bedford), The Velvet Coaster (Blackpool), Captain Ridley's Shooting Party (Bletchley), The Prior John (Bridlington), The Booking Office (Edinburgh), The Lifeboat (Formby), The Troll Cart (Great Yarmouth), Sandford House (Huntingdon), The Mossy Well (Muswell Hill), Royal Victoria Pavilion (Ramsgate) and The Iron Duke (Wellington).

Good Food Talks (goodfoodtalks.com) enhances facilities for the blind and visually impaired, when dining out, as well as for those with other reading difficulties, allowing browsing and listening to the menu through a fully accessible website and mobile app (Android and iOS).

Working in partnership with **Mencap**, Wetherspoon provides work placements in pubs for those with learning difficulties.

Wetherspoon supports the **Not Every Disability is Visible** campaign, highlighting the stigma and misunderstanding which can surround those with invisible disabilities, including colitis and Crohn's disease.

How pubs and Wetherspoon contribute to the economy

Wetherspoon and other pub and restaurant companies have always generated far more in taxes than is earned in profits.

In the financial year ended July 2025, the company generated taxes of £837.6 million.

The table on the next page shows the tax revenue (£6.39 billion) generated by the company, its staff and customers in the last 10 years. During that period, each pub (on average) generated £7.48 million in tax. During this 10-year period, the tax generated by the company equates to approximately 26 times the company's profits after tax.

Pubs in Ireland contributed €11.3 million of tax contributions during the year, of which €5.8 million related to VAT, €2.99 million to alcohol duty and €2.1 million to employment taxes.

	2025 £m	2024 £m	2023 £m	2022 £m	2021 £m	2020 £m	2019 £m	2018 £m	2017 £m	2016 £m	TOTAL £m
VAT	411.2	394.7	327.3	287.7	93.8	244.3	357.9	332.8	323.4	311.7	3,129.8
Alcohol duty	166.5	163.7	166.1	158.6	70.6	124.2	174.4	175.9	167.2	164.4	1,531.6
PAYE and NIC	153.6	134.7	124.0	141.9	101.5	106.6	121.4	109.2	96.2	95.1	1,184.2
Business rates	42.2	41.3	49.9	50.3	1.5	39.5	57.3	55.6	53.0	50.2	440.8
Corporation tax	21.9	9.9	12.2	1.5	-	21.5	19.9	26.1	20.7	19.9	153.6
Fruit/slot machine duty	18.2	16.7	15.7	12.8	4.3	9.0	11.6	10.5	10.5	11.0	120.3
Climate change levies	13.9	10.2	11.1	9.7	7.9	10.0	9.6	9.2	9.7	8.7	100.0
Stamp duty	1.2	1.1	0.9	2.7	1.8	4.9	3.7	1.2	5.1	2.6	25.2
Sugar tax	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.7	1.3	2.0	2.9	0.8	-	-	18.1
Fuel duty	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	19.0
Apprenticeship levy	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.7	0.6	-	16.6
Carbon tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9	3.0	3.4	3.6	11.9
Premise licence and TV licences	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	6.7
Landfill tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	2.5	2.2	6.4
Insurance tax	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.0
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
Furlough tax	-	-	-	-4.4	-213.0	-124.1	-	-	-	-	-341.5
Eat Out to Help Out	-	-	-	-	-23.2	-	-	-	-	-	-23.2
Local government grants	-	-	-	-1.4	-11.1	-	-	-	-	-	-12.5
TOTAL TAX	837.6	760.2	760.4	666.9	39.1	442.1	765.1	730.7	695.3	672.4	6,389.8
TAX PER PUB (£m)	1.05	0.98	0.92	0.78	0.05	0.51	0.87	0.83	0.78	0.71	7.48
TAX AS % OF NET SALES	39.4%	38.3%	39.5%	38.3%	5.1%	35.0%	42.1%	43.1%	41.9%	42.1%	36.5%
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAX	57.6	58.5	33.8	-24.9	-146.5	-38.5	79.6	83.6	76.9	56.9	237.6